



# Hurricane Awareness Tour 2015



**May 5, 2015**  
**Norfolk International Airport**  
**Landmark Aviation**



**Public Tours: 2 pm–5 pm**  
**Location: Landmark Aviation**  
**6101 Burton Station Rd**  
**(Corner Miller Store Rd & Burton Station Rd.)**  
**Norfolk, VA 23502**

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# 2015 NOAA Hurricane Awareness Tour Background

NOAA hurricane experts will visit five U.S. East Coast cities and one city in Canada, flying aboard a USAF Reserve WC-130J hurricane hunter aircraft along with the NOAA G-IV aircraft to raise awareness of the impacts from tropical cyclones threats and the danger of being caught without a personal hurricane plan.

***The 2015 Hurricane Awareness Tour is scheduled at Norfolk International Airport – Landmark Aviation Facility on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.***

The WC-130J is one of ten such aircraft used by the U.S. Air Force Reservists from the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, 403rd Wing, located at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss.

Military air crews fly directly into the core of tropical cyclones to gather data that are critical for forecasting the tropical cyclone's intensity and landfall.

The NOAA G-IV is part of the agency's fleet of highly specialized research and operational aircraft operated, managed and maintained by the NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations and based at MacDill AFB in Tampa, Fla. It flies at high altitude around and ahead of the tropical cyclone, gathering critical data to go into the hurricane forecast models.

National Hurricane Center Director Dr. Rick Knabb, hurricane specialists Daniel Brown and John Cangialosi, the USAF hurricane hunter crew members and the NOAA aircraft crew members will be on hand to educate residents of vulnerable communities about hurricane preparedness and will be available for interviews.

Officials from Virginia Department of Emergency Management, local emergency management offices, non-profit organizations such as the American Red Cross, and personnel from the Wakefield, VA NOAA National Weather Service forecast office will be part of the team at this stop along with local media. The public will be able to tour the aircraft, and meet with flight crews between 2pm and 5 pm.

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